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1. ACCORDING TO KAEC RECORDS QUARTERLY REQUIREMENTS REPORTED FOR FOURTH QUARTER FY1971 WERE U.S. DOLLARS 44,550; FY 1972 DOLLARS 47,383; FY 1973 DOLLARS 67,927 AND FY1974 DOLLARS 75,653. REQUIREMENTS HAVE GRADUALLY INCREASED AS BUDGET HAS INCREASED AND ALSO AS THE FIGURE FOUND IN ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT UNDER "FUNDS NOT RECEIVED" HAS INCREASED. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION'S ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT, AS OF JUNE 30, 1974 FUNDS NOT RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT FOR FY1972 TOTAL U.S. DOLLARS 20,446 WHICH COMMISSION HOPES TO RECEIVE BY JUNE 30, 1975. COMMISSION FEELS FY1972 "FUNDS NOT RECEIVED" SHOULD BE IN KAEC SEOUL ACCOUNT FOR FY1972 RETURN GRANTEE TRAVEL. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM FUNDING REQUIREMENT FOR FY1975 AS REFLECTED IN FOURTH QUARTER REPORT IS MATTER OF INTERPRETATION ABOUT PERIOD OF TIME DURING WHICH FUNDING WILL BE SPENT. ALSO TO BE CONSIDERED IS FACT THAT IN PAST FOUR QUARTERS COMMISSION HAS RUN DANGEROUSLY LOW OF FUNDING. COMMISSION FEELS SOME RESERVE ALWAYS NEEDED TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING DEPLETION, AS IN PRESENT SITUATION.

2. CONCERNING FY1975 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING KAEC WILL DEFINITELY REMAIN WITHIN BUDGETED U.S. DOLLARS 68,125. EXCE-
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PRECAUTION OF KAEC BUDGET SPECIALIST AGAINST DEPLETION OF COMMISSION FUNDING EARLY FY1976. KAEC FEELS IN CONSULTATION WITH POST CONSTANT FUNDING PROBLEM COULD BE ELEIMINATED IF DEPARTMENT WOULD ALLOW KAEC REQUEST EACH QUARTER FUNDING IN ADVANCE START OF QUARTER AND NOT REQUIRE THIS ACCOMPANY PRIOR QUARTER REPORT. THIS WOULD AVOID DEPLETION OF FUNDS AS IN PRESENT SITUATION. SECSTION 404.2 OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES MANUAL UNDERSTOOD BY KAEC HOWEVER NOT CLEAR OW IT RELATES TO PRESENT SITUATION.

3. COMMISSION WILL APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CLEAR INSTURCTIONS ON MATTERS CONCERNING LIMITATIONS ON QUARTERLY FUNDING REQUESTS AND POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCE FUNDING FOR ENSUING QUARTER.
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